

Listing of Claims.

(currently amended) 1. A hanging device, which includes:

a base having a back side ~~configured for mounting to a vertical support~~ and a front side;

a first retaining member connected to said front side and extending outward therefrom;

a second retaining member disposed adjacent said first retaining member;

first means for biasing said second retaining member toward said first retaining member; and

first means extending laterally from one of said first retaining member and said second retaining member

in a manner to permit separate access thereto enabling actuation of said biasing means by

application of force applied thereto to displace said retaining members and for simultaneously

permitting said biasing means to be compressed biased with part of one's hand when applying a force against said

permitting means causing displacement of said second retaining member from said first retaining member and

while permitting insertion of an article to be hung between said retaining members with the same hand whereupon

at least a portion of the article garment can be supportively retained between and by said retaining members upon

removal of said force from said first permitting means.

2. (currently amended) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said base is elongated and
having a long axis vertically disposed.

3. (original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said first retainer member includes a
flared end extending outward from said front side.

4. (original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said first retaining member is rigid.

5. (original) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said second retaining member is rigid.

6. (currently amended) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein at least one of said retaining
members includes a ridged surface adjacent a point of contact between said retaining members.

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therebetween.

7. (currently amended) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said front side is disposed at a predetermined angle with respect to the vertical support when said base is mounted thereto such that an upper end of said front side is more outwardly disposed from the support ~~that~~ than a lower end of said front side.
8. (original) The hanging device of claim 7, wherein said front side is hingedly connected to said back side.
9. (currently amended) The hanging device of claim 8, which includes a latch for latching said ~~front~~ front side to said back side.
10. (withdrawn) ~~The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said second retaining member is generally U-shaped.~~
11. (withdrawn) ~~The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said first retaining member is generally U-shaped.~~
12. (previously presented) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said first biasing means includes an angled-spring metal.
13. (withdrawn) ~~The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said biasing means includes a generally U-shaped spring metal.~~
14. (currently amended) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein said device permits removal of ~~the a-retained-garment article~~ by pulling on a free end of the article garment with sufficient force to overcome a spring force constant of said biasing means.
15. (previously presented) The hanging device of claim 1, wherein one of said retaining members includes said first permitting means.

16. (currently amended) The hanging device of claim 1, which includes a third retaining member connected to said front side and extending outward therefrom and longitudinally spaced from said first retaining member, a fourth retaining member disposed adjacent said third retaining member, second means for biasing said fourth retaining member toward said third retaining member, and second means extending laterally from one of said third retaining member and said fourth retaining member in a manner to permit separate access thereto enabling actuation of said biasing means by application of force applied thereto to displace said retaining members and for simultaneously permitting said second biasing means to be compressed biased with part of one's hand when applying a force against said permitting means causing displacement of said second retaining member from said first retaining member and while permitting insertion of a garment an article between said third and fourth retaining members with the same hand whereupon at least a portion of the article can be supportively retained between and by said retaining members.
17. (previously presented) The hanging device of claim 16, wherein said base is elongated and vertically disposed.
18. (previously presented) The hanging device of claim 17, wherein said first and second retaining members are horizontally disposed with respect to said third and fourth retaining members.
19. (previously presented) The hanging device of claim 17, wherein said first and second retaining members are horizontally staggered with respect to said third and fourth retaining members.
20. (new) The ~~clothing~~ hanging device of claim 1, wherein said permitting means includes an outwardly disposed portion on said second retaining member which is exposed from said first

retaining member in a manner to permit access thereto enabling independent actuation of said
biasing means by application of force applied to said portion to displace said retaining members
without the need of applying force on said first retaining member.

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